

**ASSEMBLY, No. 6212**

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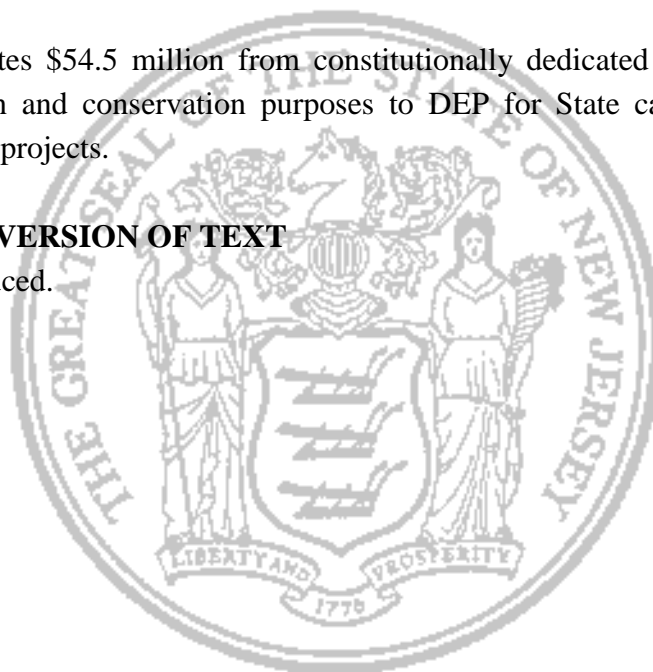
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Assemblywoman Downey**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT appropriating \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated  
2 corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands  
3 by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. There is appropriated the sum of \$54.5 million from  
9 dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article  
10 VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the  
11 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to  
12 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
13 (C.13:8C-48), to the Department of Environmental Protection for  
14 the development of lands by the State for recreation and  
15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the  
16 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).  
17 Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this paragraph, the sum of  
18 \$1,833,981 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated  
19 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section  
20 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

21 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this  
22 section shall be allocated as follows:

23 Project	24 Amount
25 BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
26 Access Facilities	27 1,000,000
28 CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
29 Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	30 4,000,000
31 Sanitary Facilities	32 4,000,000
33 HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS	
34 Habitat Improvements & Access	35 1,000,000
36 INFRASTRUCTURE	
37 Bridge Repairs	38 250,000
39 Building Repairs and Renovations	40 4,000,000
41 Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	42 1,000,000
43 Health and Life Safety Projects	44 8,000,000
45 Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	46 7,500,000
46 Recreational Development	47 15,000,000
47 Road Repairs	<u>2,000,000</u>

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1	IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	500,000
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3	PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	950,000
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5	OTHER	
6	Contingency Fund for Repairs	2,670,000
7	Administration	2,630,000
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9	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,500,000</b>

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11       c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6  
12 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the  
13 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the  
14 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.  
15 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified  
16 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the  
17 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the  
18 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written  
19 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the  
20 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative  
21 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,  
22 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and  
23 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste  
24 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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26       2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
27 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to  
28 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
29 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$54.6 million to implement the provisions  
30 of section 1 of this act.

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32       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37       This bill appropriates the sum of \$54.5 million to the Department  
38 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for capital  
39 projects and park development on lands administered by the DEP’s  
40 Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and Wildlife  
41 pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
42 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

43       The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally  
44 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to  
45 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,  
46 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The  
47 “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements the constitutional  
48 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic

1 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion  
2 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres  
3 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,  
4 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State  
5 lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and  
6 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local  
7 government open space acquisition and development projects; and  
8 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for  
9 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds  
10 for capital and park development projects on State lands  
11 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and  
12 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green  
13 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New  
14 Jersey Act."

15 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been  
16 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.